WINTER DRIVING SAFETY & SURVIVAL TIPS

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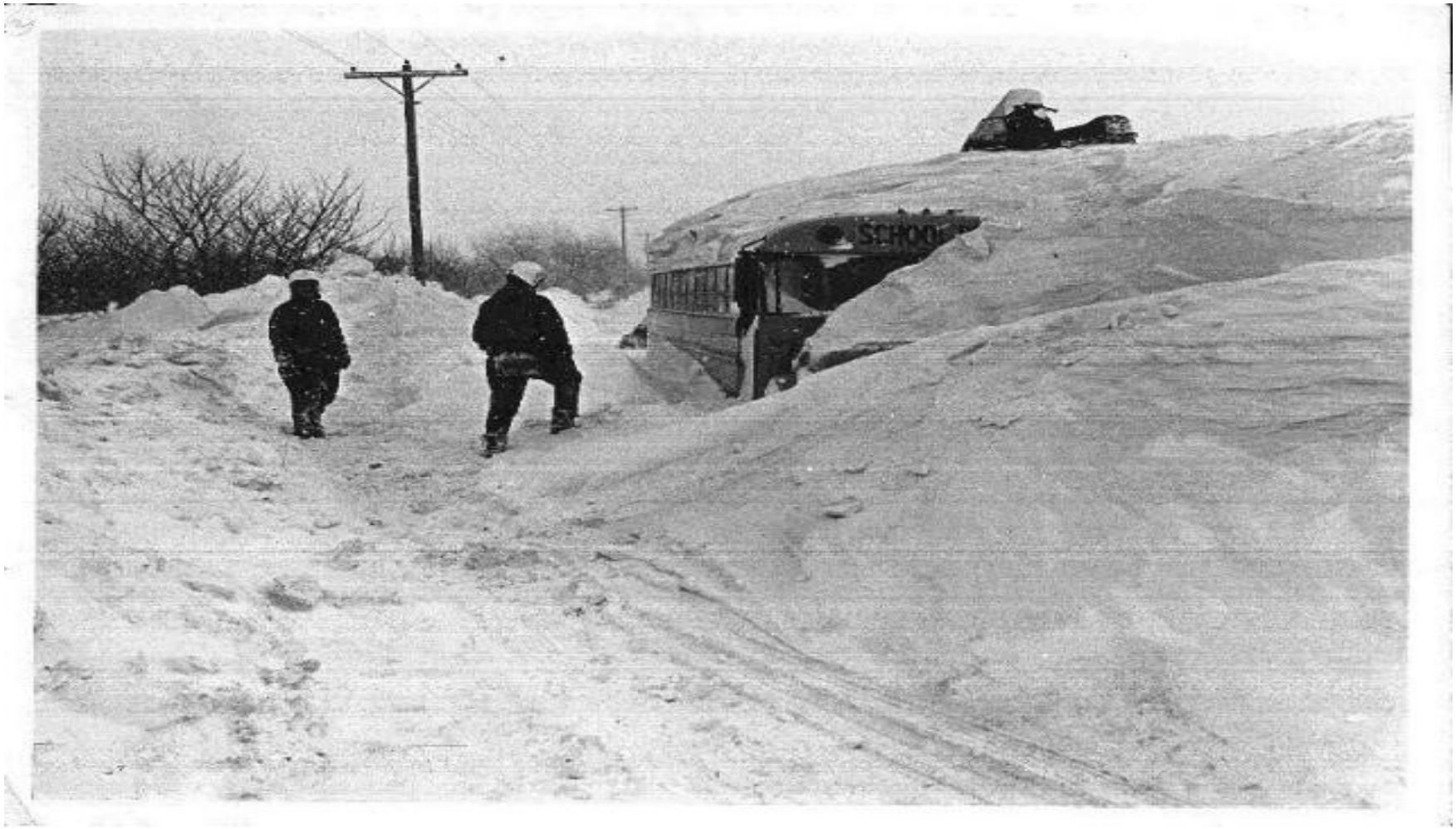
DIGGING OUT A SCHOOL BUS



PRE-WINTER PREPARATION

- **MAINTENANCE CHECK**
  - TIRES
  - WIPER BLADES
  - BATTERY
  - ANTIFREEZE

BE PREPARED

- Properly equip your vehicle:
  - Snow tires & snow chains or all-season tires
  - Equipment for snow conditions
  - Emergency kit

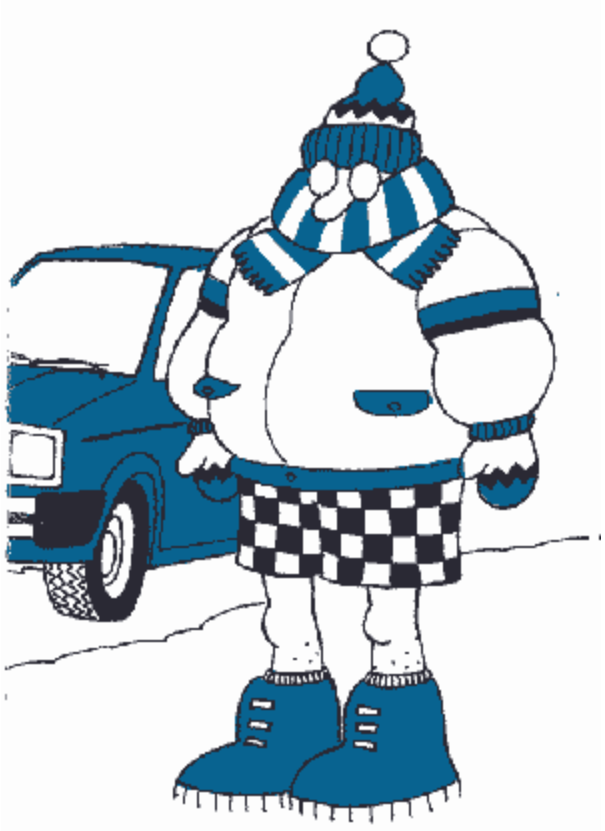
EMERGENCY KIT

- Snow shovel
- Scraper with brush on one end
- Tow chain or strap
- Flashlight with extra batteries

- Abrasive material (cat litter, sand, or traction mats)
- Jumper cables and small tool kit
- Warning devices (flares or reflective triangles)
- Brightly colored cloth/panel to signal for help

EMERGENCY KIT (con't)

- Cellular phone
- Candles, matches, or lighter
- High-energy food (e.g., chocolate or dried fruit) and water
- Sleeping bags, blankets, and extra clothing
- First Aid Kit with pocket knife



BE PREPARED

- Always have at least ½ tank of gas.
- Get latest road conditions.
- Inform others of travel route & when you expect to arrive.
- Travel during daylight hours.
- Take a companion.

SLOW DOWN

- **Adjust speed to driving conditions.**
- **Bridges, ramps, & overpasses freeze first.**
- **Technology doesn’t do the driving for you.**

LOOK AHEAD

- **Double the distance between you and car in front of you.**
- **Look for corners and other obstacles to slow down in time.**

BRAKE BEFORE CORNER

- Smoothly apply brakes before corner.
- Accelerate out of corner.
- Enter with too much speed, and you lose traction.

VEHICLE CONTROLS

- Be smooth and sure.
- Don’t jerk the wheel.
- Don’t slam on brakes.
- Stay in control of weight distribution.

BE INFORMED

- Know the vehicle you’re driving and how it handles in snow.

CONTROLLING A SKID

- Brake carefully and gently.
  - Slow, steady strokes allow the wheels to keep rolling.
  - If wheels lock up, ease off brake pedal.
- May want to shift into neutral.
- Recovering from a skid is essentially the same for front- and rear-wheel-drive vehicles.

REAR WHEEL SKID

- Turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side.
- If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), keep your foot on the pedal.
- If no ABS, pump the pedal gently, pumping more rapidly as your car slows down.

FRONT WHEEL SKID

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral.
- Don't try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return.
- As traction returns, steer in the direction you want to go.
- Put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch.
- Accelerate gently.
- DON’T USE CRUISE CONTROL.

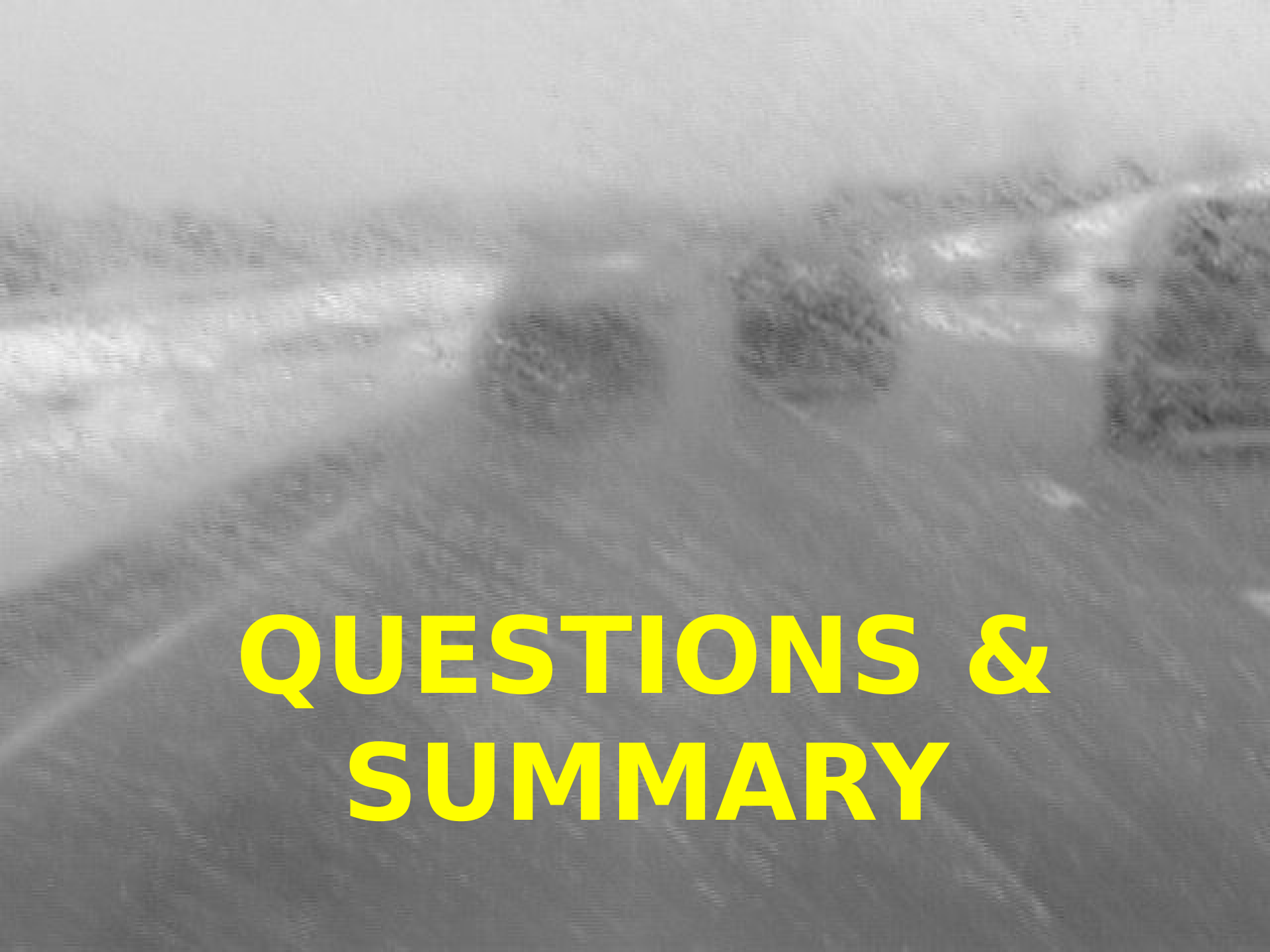
QUESTIONS

HOW TO SURVIVE A STORM

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Display a trouble sign.
- Occasionally run engine to keep warm.
- Do minor exercises.
- Don’t stay in one position too long.

HOW TO SURVIVE A STORM

- Take turns sleeping.
- For warmth, huddle together.
- Insulate using available materials.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Use emergency supplies/kit.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